

# **CMDCM(SW/AW) Christopher Vasquez**

## **United States Navy**

### **COMMAND MASTER CHIEF, EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP THREE**

Master Chief Christopher Vasquez, a native of Norwalk, California, graduated from Excelsior High School, Norwalk, California in 1973, and entered the U.S Navy in December 1975.

Following Recruit Training in San Diego, California, Master Chief Vasquez reported to Great Lakes, Illinois, where he completed Basic Electricity and Electronics School and Fire Control Technician "A" School in 1976. Designated a FTM (Fire Control Technician Missiles), he received orders to USS BAINBRIDGE (CGN 25) where he completed three Western Pacific/Indian Ocean deployments.

In December 1979, he left the Navy only to return in 1981, where he graduated Nato Seasparrow Missile Systems "C" school in Vallejo, California. His follow-on assignment was to USS KINKAID (DD 965) in San Diego, California, completing two more deployments.



In August 1984, he received orders to Navy Recruiting District, Los Angeles, and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. After a highly successful recruiting tour, Master Chief Vasquez reported to USS MISSOURI (BB 63) where he served as Leading Chief Petty Officer, Missiles Division, seeing duty in the Arabian Gulf during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Seeing USS MISSOURI through decommissioning, he then served as Senior Instructor at Fleet Combat Training Center, Pacific at Tomahawk Weapons Control Systems "C" School, qualifying as a Master Training Specialist.

In 1994, he was promoted to Master Chief Petty Officer and reported to pre-commissioning detachment USS BENFOLD (DDG 65) in Pascagoula, Mississippi, as Leading Chief Petty Officer, Combat Systems Department.

In September 1997, he reported to USS ESSEX (LHD 2), as Leading Chief Petty Officer, C4 Department and Command Master Chief.

In December 2000, he reported onboard USS BOXER (LHD 4) as Command Master Chief.

He is currently assigned as Command Master Chief, Expeditionary Strike Group Three.

Master Chief Vasquez' awards include Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat V (three awards), Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal (five awards), and various campaign unit awards. He is single and has one child.